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H. R. 5729

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 2008

Mr. ELLSWORTH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Spina Bifida Health
5 Care Program Expansion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE BY**
2 **SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO CHIL-**
3 **DREN OF VIETNAM VETERANS BORN WITH**
4 **SPINA BIFIDA.**

5 (a) PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH
6 CARE.—Section 1803(a) of title 38, United States Code,
7 is amended by striking “such health care as the Secretary
8 determines is needed by the child for the spina bifida or
9 any disability that is associated with such condition” and
10 inserting “health care under this section”.

11 (b) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE DOMICILIARY CARE.—
12 Section 1803(c)(1)(A) of title 38, United States Code, is
13 amended by inserting “domiciliary care,” after “nursing
14 home care,”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 subsections (a) and (b) shall apply with respect to care
17 furnished after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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